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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/620,299	SHELFORD ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	David M. Naff	1657	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-14,16-18 and 20-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 3-14, 16-18 and 20-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

An amendment of 1/16/07 amended claims 1 and 14, and canceled claim 19.

Claims examined on the merits are 1, 3-14, 16-18 and 20-26, which 5 are all claims in the application.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 3-14, 16-18 and 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 10 first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

15 The specification discloses (page 9, lines 10-12) that the ppm of antioxidant is based on the surfactant solution employed to coat the particulate feed additive. There is no disclosure of the ppm of antioxidant being based on the surfactant in the feed additive as claimed. Additionally, there is no disclosure of the feed additive 20 containing 0.01 to 1% surfactant based on the weight of feed. The specification discloses only the feed containing the percent surfactant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 3-14, 16-18 and 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 25 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly

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point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Requiring the percent surfactant in claims 1 and 14 to be based on the dry weight of feed is confusing since the claim does not 5 require feed. Only a feed additive is required. Canceled claim 19 which required the percent surfactant depended on claim 14 that required adding the additive to feed.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-12, 14, 16-18 and 20-26 are rejected on the 10 ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,221,381 B1) in view of Block et al.

It would have been obvious to include an antioxidant in the feedstuff composition of the patent claims as suggested by Block et al 15 disclosing a feedstock that can contain an antioxidant and nonionic surfactant. The antioxidant would have inherently stabilized the surfactant. Selecting a preferred amount of antioxidant would have required only limited routine experimentation and been obvious.

Double Patenting

Claim 13 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double as set forth above, and further in view of Potter.

When adding an antioxidant to the composition of the patent claims as set forth above, it would have been obvious to add monensin to enhance efficiency as suggested by Potter.

Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments that none of the references disclose an antioxidant in combination with the nonionic surfactant as claimed is unpersuasive with respect to the rejections above since Block et al
5 suggest a feedstock containing an antioxidant in combination with a nonionic surfactant. The claims of the patent require an amount of surfactant as presently claimed.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection
10 presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In
15 the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be
20 calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David M. Naff

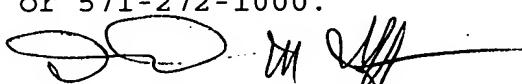
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whose telephone number is 571-272-0920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached on 571-272-0925.

5 The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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